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Division of Land Pollution Control
State Board of Health
1330 W. Michigan Street
P.O. Box 1964
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-1964

Attention: Mr. David Koepper

SUBJECT: INDUSTRIAL LANDFILL AT OUR PLANT

Dear Sir:

At long last, we have received the various tests of our residuals that were suggested and performed by "RMT". These test results and the cover letter from "RMT" are included herewith.

We trust that this submission of data fulfills our requirement as noted in your July 25 letter. That is, that we have submitted proof that our waste material is in fact non-hazardous.

The second portion of your dictate creates a situation that I cannot understand. If we must cease depositing our refuse, however clean and compatible with the environment, then what on earth are we to do with it?

This soulful writer recognizes the following facts, which we challenge anyone to prove untrue.

1. Our waste is clean and both physically and organically compatible with the environment.
2. It is no eye sore.
3. There is no offensive odor.
4. It is on our property.
5. The property supports a free farming area for the local FFA Club.
6. There are no hazards possible to any trespassing youth.
There are no pits or hazardous junk.

In conclusion, I for one feel for the environment and I also feel for the survival of North Manchester Foundry and for the jobs of 100-200 people that we employ. History will prove our desire to meet various government dictates. We cleaned up our plant working conditions, lunch rooms, wiring and all the rest were implemented before OSHA. We met our EPA dictate before the deadline and not many foundries can say that. Now we have another burden. Well, fellows, you might be too late because the financial situation of our Foundry is at the point, that we just can't accept any more burdens.

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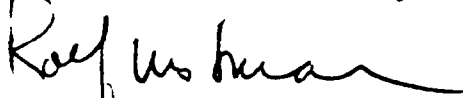
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Back in August "RMT" suggested that cost of necessary tests would approximate \$2500.00 - 2600.00. At this time, we have already been billed for \$5,130.76 and they are proposing further costs amounting to \$14,800.00. If experience is correct this \$14,800. will probably escalate to \$30,340.00. We are a small Company and we cannot abide with any new costs at this time and the prospect of expenditures of this magnetude will kill us.

I'll be meeting with our ownership a bit later this month and waste disposal options as proposed by "RMT" will be reviewed. I would appreciate an audience with you within the next weeks so that we can work toward an equitable resolution to this situation, if that is possible.

Very truly yours,

NORTH MANCHESTER FOUNDRY, INC.


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